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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to address the recent settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. This case, in my opinion, has gone on far too long. The initial lawsuit was not merited. It was more a political act, than any assault on a monopolistic business. Rivals of Microsoft could compete in no other way than to haul Microsoft into court; the Department of Justice agreed to sue far too readily. I am disturbed this lawsuit has set a dangerous precedent for future companies. Evidently, if a firm gets too successful, too big, they can be assured of being hauled into court. Microsoft is successful because it produces a good product. Bill Gates worked long and hard to make compatible software available to, and understandable to, the average lay person.

The case has been settled, and Microsoft did not get off easy. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers new rights to configure Windows to better promote non-Microsoft software. Also, Microsoft has agreed to share any code or programming that Windows uses to communicate with other programs. I wonder if Microsoft's rivals would do the same.

Let's put this case behind us and move forward. I support the agreement, and look forward to the end of this case.

Sincerely



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